



Introducing

Electronic New Technology Reporting (eNTRe) The Easiest Way to Report New Technologies!

You may be surprised to know that every year a number of innovations at NASA Centers are patented and commercialized. Some of these inventions have been incorporated into common items we use every day. These technologies bring value to the country, prestige to the Center, and monetary rewards to the inventors. **Yes, monetary rewards to inventors! \$\$\$**

Now with eNTRe (pronounced entrée), an easy step-by-step electronic process, there's no better way for NASA employees to disclose their inventions and new technologies. It's also the easiest way for contractors to report new technologies to comply with clauses contained in their contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements.

Who Should Report New Technologies and Innovations?

NASA Employees are **REQUIRED** to Submit a Disclosure for Each Invention Resulting from Their Work as a Government Employee

(Authority: NPD 2091.1, "Inventions Made by Government Employees").

Parties Performing Experimental, Developmental, or Research Work under NASA Funding Agreements (Including Contracts, Grants, & Cooperative Agreements) Are **REQUIRED** to Submit New Technology Reports [Authority: Small Businesses, Colleges, Universities, Non-Profit Organizations - Bayh-Dole Act (35 U.S.C. section 202), and Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) clause 52.227-11, Patent Rights Clause/Subject Inventions; Large Businesses - Space Act (42 U.S.C. section 2457) and NASA FAR Supplement clause 1852.227-70, New Technology Clause/Reportable Items; and 14 CFR Parts 1260 & 1274 (NPG 5800.1 "Grants and Cooperative Agreements Handbook")].



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Why Should You Report Your Invention?

Federal regulations designed to protect NASA's intellectual property investments direct us to report new technology. The reporting of new technologies is essential to the achievement of NASA's mission, and these reports are the means through which aeronautics and space technological advances permeate the many sectors of the national economy. At the Center level, new technology reporting ensures:


- Identification of NASA's valuable technology
- Commercialization assessment and marketing analysis/assistance
- Recognition and monetary compensation
- Intellectual property protection
- Compliance with U.S. export control regulations
- Agency performance reporting requirements
- Publicize technologies to potential users

How Do You Get Started?

NASA Form 1679, "Disclosure of Invention and New Technology (Including Software)," can now be submitted online through eNTRe. To begin, go straight to the eNTRe login at <http://invention.nasa.gov/>.

A full explanation of when to report, how to report, and who is involved in the process, is outlined.

Submitting your disclosure is as easy as 1,2,3 using eNTRe's step-by-step process:

- 1) Click <http://invention.nasa.gov/>.
- 2) Complete online NASA Form 1679
- 3) 

What's In It for You?

Besides playing an important role in the Agency's technology transfer and commercialization mission, a number of incentive awards are possible for inventors:

Initial Awards:

Publication in NASA TechBriefs magazine for selected new technology reports --\$350 per author

Software Release-- \$500 each multiple contributors/\$1000 single contributor

Patent Application-- \$500 each multiple contributors/\$1000 single contributor

Special Board Action Awards:

Based on the value of the contribution, both to NASA and to the public, board awards in amounts up to \$100,000 are available to individual innovators.

These Board Action Awards are additional awards approved through the NASA Headquarters Inventions & Contributions Board (see <http://icb.nasa.gov/>). Prime candidates are technologies that have been patented/licensed. Your Center's Technology Transfer Department or Patent Office can assist innovators with completing required form (NASA Form 1329, "Inventions & Contributions Board Award Evaluation Questionnaire"). Annual "Software of the Year" and "Invention of the Year" Awards are subcategories of these special awards. Centers may have additional innovator recognition programs in place.

Royalties for Licensed Patents

are also shared with inventors.



Kennedy Space Center inventor Pedro Medelius is recognized for his Non-Intrusive Impedance-Based Cable Tester technology.

For more information about New Technology Reporting for civil service and contractor employees, contact your Center representative. For a complete listing of representatives, visit <http://invention.nasa.gov/poc.html>